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1. [redacted] ship arrived in [redacted] the port of Novorossisk, USSR  
 in ballast [redacted] The Harbor pilot took the ship to her  
 berth [redacted]  
 [redacted] A routine inspection was given the ship by Soviet  
 officials. All cameras, radios, firearms and other such items were sealed  
 by the inspecting party, which was made up of three officers and 15 men. The  
 crew [redacted] was put in one compartment while the search was  
 being made.

Port Information

2. [redacted] Names of these vessels were not known. All of the vessels  
 were loading wheat or barley. Also [redacted] one of the German World War II  
 passenger liners now held and used by the Soviets as troopships. One floating  
 drydock was observed accommodating small craft of a nonmilitary type. Many  
 other types of small craft were observed. No naval vessels other than small  
 patrol craft, described as similar to our Coast Guard boats, were observed.
3. Port regulations prohibited any soundings to be made or garbage to be thrown  
 overboard. Passes were required upon leaving and returning to the ship. An  
 armed guard was placed at the gangway and on the piers. Two old partially  
 submerged merchant ships were observed in the harbor. No salvage operations  
 were noted. No shipbuilding or ship repair was noted in the port.

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General Information

25X1 5. [ ] in Novorossisk in 1951 [ ] very little change [ ]  
25X1 [ ] either in the dress of the people, what there was to buy in the stores,  
25X1 or the condition of the town in general. Posters of both Malenkov and Stalin  
25X1 were seen, and Malenkov seemed to play as important a role as Stalin. Ration-  
ing was still in progress and there was no construction, although some street  
repairs were being made. A few new buses were seen, however most of the public  
transportation appeared to be old and worn. No unusual groups of people were  
observed and no military groups were seen. There were many individual soldiers  
and sailors seen in the streets of Novorossisk. No purchases were made by  
the crew in the city.

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7. No military activity was observed in the area. No radar or harbor defenses  
were noted. Upon leaving the port of Novorossisk the [ ] ship was given a  
thorough search by Soviet officials.

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